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To allow Microsoft to settle in this manner is essentially giving them exactly what they want. For a very low price tag, they are able to indoctrinate an entire generation of Americans into the Microsoft monopoly. This would be equivalent to settling with tobacco companies by telling them they were required to give children free cigarettes as long as they were in school.

The offer from Redhat Linux Inc. would be the ideal solution, but even it could use some modifications. I'd recommend that Microsoft pay, up front, \$1.5 billion in fines. The money would be divided across as many schools as possible while maintaining the viability of it's use. Redhat would provide the software as they have already offered.

This would lead to a far greater number of students benefiting from the settlement, and giving them a chance to avoid becoming entrapped within the tentacles of Microsoft.

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